

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SELF RELIANCE IN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make India a refining and petro-chemicals hub;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action plan prepared for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has invited certain major energy companies for tie up with Indian companies for installing large scale refining capacity in petro-chemical sector and making the country a base for export;
- (d) if so, the response of the major energy companies thereto and further steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the export of petroleum products by public/private sector companies during the last three years and the current year, country / product / company-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b): After delicensing of refinery sector, the countrys refining capacity has more than tripled over the last fifteen years from 69.99 MMT as of 1.4.1999 to 215.066 MMT as of 1.4.2014. The domestic consumption of petroleum products was 158.2 MMT during 2013-14. Thus the present refining capacity is more than the demand of petroleum products in the country and the country is now a net exporter of petroleum products.

The refining capacity of the country is projected to reach upto 307.366 MMTPA by end of 2016-17 as per the Draft Report of Working Group on Refinery for 12th Plan. Details are given in the Annexure-I.

(c) and (d): The refining sector is a delicensed sector. India is an attractive destination for investment in the oil and gas sector. Indian Companies constantly endeavour to leverage this advantage for attracting foreign companies to invest in this sector.

(e) Details of the export of petroleum products by oil companies during the last three years and the current year are given in Table 1 and 2 of Annexure-II.